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BEARING ASSEMBLY

Group Art Unit: 3682

Examiner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wishes to call to the Examiner's attention the attached references, which generally relate to the present invention.

Enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449, citing references submitted for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of any cited foreign patents, non-patent literature, and unpublished US application documents are enclosed. Pursuant to the waiver in the Pre-OG Notice, dated July 25, 2003, copies of US patents and published US patent applications are no longer required and are not enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that each reference has been considered.

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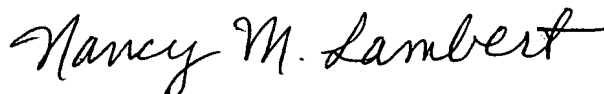
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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending, co-assigned U.S. Patent applications and the references cited therein: USSN 10/376,787, filed February 28, 2003 (parent application). A copy of this application is enclosed herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

Should a First Office Action on the merits be mailed prior to the filing of this Disclosure Statement, please charge the requisite \$180.00 fee (pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.17(p)) to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Applicants submit that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

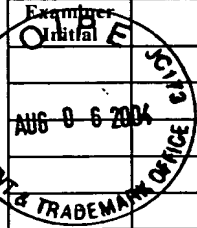
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